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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003. A Petition to Extend the time for Response for one month from August 7, 2003 to September 7, 2003 is attached hereto. Applicants submit an additional fee in amount of \$336.00 for 2 extra independent claims and 28 extra claims. Please charge such amount to the Deposit Account No. 502,557. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification none.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings none

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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